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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows. Per practice in reissue applications, amendments are shown relative to the originally-issued claims. Additions are <u>underlined</u>, and deletions are depicted in [brackets]. Further, the below listing of claims shows all of the amendments of the claims that have been made during prosecution. In this action, only Claims 13, 22 and 36 are amended relative to the Amendment filed by Applicants on September 7, 2004.

Please amend Claims 13, 22 and 36 to read as follows:

13. (Currently Amended) A roller skate chassis assembly interconnected as a unit for attachment to a skate boot, the chassis assembly comprising:

a forefoot section and a heel section;

a pair of laterally spaced longitudinal support members spanning the forefoot and heel sections of the chassis, each support member having a substantially planar lower portion, the lower portions being parallel to each other and adapted to receive a plurality of skate wheels therebetween;

one or more web members extending between and attached to the lower portions of the support members, the web member positioned so as to be between successive wheels;

an upper portion in the forefoot section of each support member, the upper portion extending upwardly from the lower portion and having an upper edge, and a mounting flange extends from each upper edge, the mounting flange having at least one mount hole; and

an upper portion in the heel section of each support member, the upper portion extending upwardly from the lower portion and having an upper edge, and a mounting flange extends from each upper edge, the mounting flange having at least one mount hole;

wherein in at least one of the heel and forefoot sections, the upper portions lie in substantially convergent planes in an upwardly extending direction above said one or more web members.

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22. (Currently Amended) A roller skate chassis assembly integrated as a unit for attachment of a plurality of skate wheels, said chassis assembly comprising:

an elongate left chassis member and an elongate right chassis member, each chassis member having a front region, a back region, and a substantially planar lower portion extending through the front and back regions, the left and right chassis members being spaced apart from each other and arranged so that the left and right lower portions lie in substantially parallel planes, the lower portions being adapted so that a plurality of skate wheels are supported therebetween;

one or more web members extending between the left and right chassis members and adapted so that the chassis members and one or more web members are integrally attached to one another;

each chassis member having a substantially planar upper portion in the front region and a substantially planar upper portion in the back region, the upper portions being positioned substantially above the one or more web members;

a forefoot mount defined above and being supportingly connected to the front upper portions in the front regions of the left and right chassis members, the forefoot mount being adapted to accommodate attachment of a forefoot portion of a skate boot sole; and

a heel mount defined above and being supportingly connected to the back upper portions in the back regions of the left and right chassis members, the heel mount being adapted to accommodate attachment of a heel portion of a skate boot sole;

wherein at least one of the upper portions of each of the chassis members lies in a plane that is inclined relative to the adjacent planar lower portion and is convergent in an upward direction with the corresponding planar upper portion of the spaced apart chassis member.

36. (Currently Amended) A roller skate chassis assembly interconnected as a unit for attachment to a skate boot, the chassis assembly comprising:

a forefoot section and a heel section;

a pair of laterally spaced support members spanning the forefoot and heel sections of the chassis, each support member having a substantially planar lower portion, the

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lower portions being parallel to each other and adapted to receive a plurality of skate wheels therebetween;

at least one web member extending between and attached to the support members, the at least one web member positioned so as to be between successive wheels:

an upper portion in the forefoot section of each support member, the upper portion extending upwardly from the lower portion and having an upper edge, and a mounting flange extending from each upper edge, the mounting flange having at least one mount hole; and

an upper portion in the heel section of each support member, at least part of each upper portion lying in a plane that is inclined relative to the lower portion, the upper portion planes being convergent in an upwardly direction above the at least one web member, the upper portion extending upwardly from the lower portion and having an upper edge, and a mounting flange extending from each upper edge, the mounting flange having at least one mount hole;

wherein in at least one of the heel and forefoot sections, the upper portions are spaced such that a distance between the upper portions is less than a distance between the planar lower portions.